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SUBJECT : SITREP 2100 SEPTEMBER 2 - LIBYA

REFERENCE: TRIPOLI 2132

1. REVOLUTIONARY COMMAND COUNCIL SEEMS BE SETTLING EVER MORE FIRMLY INTO CONTROL AND FLEDGLING LIBYAN ARAB REPUBLIC (LAR) APPEARS STEADILY GAINING SELF-CONFIDENCE. RCC MOVED DURING AFTERNOON TO ASSURE UNINTERRUPTED OIL EXPORTS AND RADIO LAR RESUMED REGULAR PRE-COUP BROADCASTS IN ENGLISH, FRENCH, AND ITALIAN. DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES WERE AGAIN PERMITTED AFTER 30 1/2 HOUR BAN TO TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH THEIR FOREIGN MINISTRIES IN CLEAR AND IN ENGLISH. DEPARTMENT

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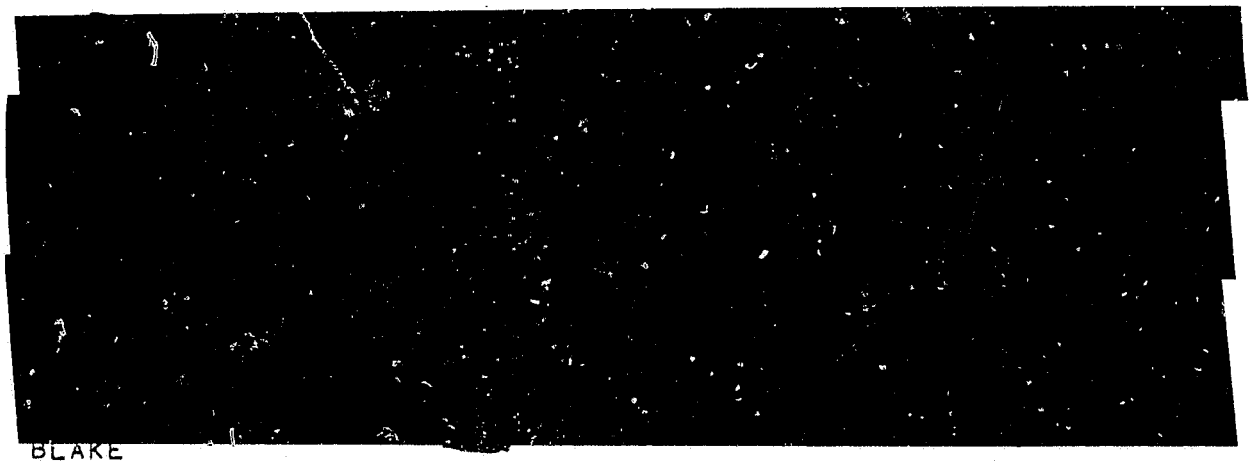
SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT ON LIBYA WAS REPORTED BY RADIO WITH NO NOTICEABLE DISTORTION. NEWSCASTS HAVE ALSO BEGUN TO BRACKET ARMY AND SECURITY FORCES FOR FIRST TIME IN FRIENDLY COOPERATIVE CONTEXTS. WHILE TELEGRAMS OF SUPPORT CONTINUE STRESS "SOCIALISM", RCC'S OWN RHETORIC CAREFULLY EMPHASIZES FREEDOM, UNITY AND EQUALITY.

2. SOME EVIDENCE REAL CENTER POWER OF RCC LIES IN BENGHAZI. OIC BENGHAZI OFFICE INVITED TO ATTEND MEETING THERE AT 2100 SEPTEMBER 2.

3. TRIPOLI QUIET LATE AFTERNOON AND EVENING WITH ONLY OCCASIONAL CRACKLING SMALL ARMS FIRE. ARMED ARMY AND NAVY GUARDS STATIONED EVERY FEW HUNDRED YARDS NOW KEEPING WATCH OVER EMPTY STREETS.



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